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CIA Estimate Only Modesty

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THE OPINION of Allen W. Dulles, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, the super-secret espionage organization of the U.S. government, is that the body is getting better all the time but still is a long way from equalling the costly Communist espionage team.

His opinion is shared by a Hoover Commission task force headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark and Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who made a study of the agency for President Eisenhower, and naturally we must regret that. It is not known how this opinion is arrived at but it is certain those concerned know what they are talking about.

On the other hand, it might be remembered that the British make a practice of admitting how bad their counter-espionage system is and even when wars are won, go to much trouble to show how much better the enemy was in this field. It could be the CIA is being similarly modest.

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